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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 November 1957

FROM : Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for October 1957

1. Accomplishments

a. Projects Completed

- 25X1A9a (1) The domestic trade subsection of Section 65, "Trade and Finance", NIS 14, Poland (40.1817) was completed by [REDACTED]

- 25X1A9a (2) The domestic trade subsection of Section 65, "Trade and Finance", NIS 20, Albania (40.1824) was completed by [REDACTED]

b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) [REDACTED] resumed work on "Price Trends in Consumer Expenditures in the USSR" (30.1534).

- 25X1A9a (2) [REDACTED] continued work on "Expenditure on Consumer Services in the USSR" (30.1771).

- 25X1A9a (3) [REDACTED] continued work on "Synthetic Fibers and Fabrics in the USSR" (30.1911). M/Ch's contribution to this project was received during the month, and the project should be completed by the end of November.

- 25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] continued work on "The Housing Problem in the European Satellites" (38.1741). The Polish, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian, and Bulgarian sections of this ambitious project are in substantially final form.

- 25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] preparatory to her leaving the branch, brought up to date estimate cards on Satellite light industry and finished the footwear portion of the light industry subsection of NIS 14 on Poland (30.1518).

- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] continued his participation in this Polish NIS project by finishing the cotton textiles, knitwear, and clothing subsections and by writing an introduction describing the general position of non-food light industry in Poland. Almost all of this project has been reviewed by [REDACTED] of I/TH, the division coordinator for Section 65, and the project should be completed early in November.

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- (6) [REDACTED], working in the casual room, started work on the light industry subsection for Section 64 of NIS 20 on Albania (30.1823). [REDACTED] 25X1A9a continued his work as division coordinator for this project.

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- (7) [REDACTED] has nearly completed work on the Communist China NIE (10.1510).

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- (8) [REDACTED] continued work on "Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China" (30.1535). During the month a memorandum was written to the director of the State Department's Office of Intelligence Research requesting OIR comments on the problem of reconciling Chinese Communist crop figures with reports of continuing scarcity of raw cotton.

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- (9) [REDACTED] revised parts of the USSR production indexes for consumer goods. This revision was undertaken at the request of [REDACTED] Chief, A/U, who has been charged with the construction of a new general index of Soviet industrial production.

2. Training

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- a. [REDACTED] continued to conduct the ORR course "Economic Statistics (Introduction)".

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- b. [REDACTED] continued the OTR course "Basic Country Survey: China No. 2".

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- c. [REDACTED] completed the OTR "Intelligence Orientation Course".

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- d. [REDACTED] started the ORR Report Writing Course.

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- e. [REDACTED] started the OTR 20-hour Basic Typing Course.

3. Trips and Speeches

None

4. Administration

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- a. [REDACTED] GS-9 analyst in the European Satellites section, is leaving the branch permanently. She will go on LWOP cob 1 November pending the resolution of a family emergency and her acceptance of another job either within or outside the Agency.

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- b. [REDACTED] is awaiting final security clearance. At present she is working in the casual room.

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5. Plans

Nothing new to report.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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